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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new heading, beginning at page 2, after paragraph 4 and before the heading titled Detailed Description of the Invention:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following text immediately following the title Brief Description of Drawings:

Included in the drawing are the following figures:

Figure 1 is a graph labeled Graph A, and is a plot of micrograms desorbed versus desorption cycles for the tablet described in the example, containing KHCO_3 .

Figure 2 is a graph labeled Graph B relating to the same subject matter of Figure 1, but plotting the percent of original mass desorbed versus desorption cycles.

Figure 3 is a graph labeled Graph C and is a plot of micrograms desorbed versus desorption cycles for the tablet described in the example, but not containing KHCO_3 .

Figure 4 is a graph labeled Graph D relating to the same subject matter of Figure 3, but plotting the percent of original mass desorbed versus desorption cycles.

Please add the following new Heading on page 6, before paragraph 1 at the top of the page:

EXAMPLE

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 8, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The charts below~~Figures show the tablets' performance in retaining an organic acid. In this respect, three 8-10 mg samples in which the adsorbent was 100% activated carbon in the above specific formulation containing potassium carbonate, potassium bicarbonate and polyvinylpyrrolidinone were tested on a Dynatherm tester and the results were plotted in the following charts. The testing showed that the average of three specimens absorbed 139 micrograms of acetic acid and only 6 micrograms were desorbed after having been subjected to twenty-six desorption cycles. Thus, the percent of the original amount of acid absorbed and thereafter released by the tablet was less than about 5%. The forgoing is represented on the ~~following GRAPH A and GRAPH B both entitled "Organic Acid Desorption"~~included as Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 9, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Figures 1-4, illustrating in the following GRAPHS A, B, C and D, respectively, each cycle consisted of subjecting each sample (8-10 mg) to a specific heat for four minutes. The

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temperature of each cycle is shown in the following table wherein each cycle is listed sequentially.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The following~~ Figure 1 labeled GRAPH A plots micrograms desorbed versus desorption cycles.

Please remove GRAPH A at the beginning of page 10.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The following~~ As illustrated in Figure 2, GRAPH B relates to the same subject matter as shown in Figure 1, GRAPH A. However, the plot is the percent of original mass desorbed plotted against desorption cycles.

Please remove GRAPH B following the first paragraph on page 10.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 11, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The foregoing~~ GRAPHS A and B show the desorption characteristics of the exemplary ~~above~~ tablet which contains the KHCO_3 . The significance of the KHCO_3 can be appreciated when ~~the above~~ GRAPHS A and B are compared to ~~the following~~ GRAPHS C and D illustrated in Figures 3 and 4, respectively, wherein the tablet did not contain the KHCO_3 . The tablet of GRAPHS C and D contained adsorbent in the amount of 87% (which was 100% activated carbon) and potassium carbonate in the amount of 2% and 9% polyvinylpyrrolidinone and 1% aluminum stearate and 1% water. The potassium carbonate was mixed with the polyvinylpyrrolidinone. Briefly, when GRAPH A is compared to GRAPH C, it can be seen that the total amount desorbed in GRAPH A is 6.3 micrograms as compared to 75 micrograms in GRAPH C, thereby illustrating the capacity of the KHCO_3 to greatly limit desorption. The same result is evident from a comparison of GRAPH B wherein 4.5% of the original mass is desorbed as compared to GRAPH D wherein 52% of the original mass is desorbed.

Please remove GRAPH C from the bottom of page 11.

Please remove GRAPH D from the top of page 12.